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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action of May 7, 2003, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 3, 4 and 10 as follows:

1. (Amended) A voluminous non-woven fabric having a textured yarn shot through it, at least in one preferential direction, comprising: an endless filament having a weight per unit area of 5 to 100 g/m² and a textured multifilament yarn having a titer in the range of 10 to 400 dtex shot through the fabric, wherein the multifilament yarns are separated from one another by a distance of 1/cm to 10/cm and the mesh number is 0.5/cm to 8/cm, and the multifilament yarn threads are shrunk by 3 to 80%, using moist-thermal or wet-thermal treatment.

2. (Amended) The voluminous non-woven fabric according to Claim 1, wherein: the endless filament has a density of 7 to 60 g/m²; the textured multifilament yarn has a titer in the range of 30 to 300 dtex; the distance of the multifilament fibers from one